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Town Officers

Representative,
FRANK P. NEAL.

Moderator,
CHRISTOPHER A. POLLARD.

Town Clerk,
ALBERT C. THOMPSON.

Town Treasurer,
CHARLES W. PALMER.

Tax Collector,
J. LEWIS COE.

Auditor,
HERBERT W. SMITH.

Selectmen,
THOMAS SHEEHY, GUY F. HARDEN, PERLEY R. BEAN,

Supervisors,
GEORGE L. CHASE, ALFRED CONNER, DANIEL J. LYNCH,

Highway Agents,
JESSE S. GRAY, OSCAR C. BEAN, SAMUEL NEAL,

Library Trustees,
HARRIET A. PAUL, ALBERT H. VARNEY, GUY F. HARDEN,

School Board,
CHRISTOPHER A. POLLARD, ALFRED CONNER, ALICE J. PATRIDGE,

Superintendent of Schools,
MARO S. BROOKS.

Board of Health,
ALBERT H. VARNEY.

Fire Wards,
PERLEY R. BEAN, CHRISTOPHER A. POLLARD,
GUY F. HARDEN, HARRY G. ATWOOD.

Valuation and Appropriations

VALUATION APRIL 1, 1915

114 polls.	
Real estate.....	\$181,184.00
55 horses.....	5,925.00
89 cows.....	4,071.00
14 neat stock.....	276.00
10 sheep.....	60.00
5 hogs.....	50.00
50 fowls.....	40.00
5 vehicles.....	950.00
1 portable mill.....	50.00
Stock in banks.....	3,962.00
Money on hand or at interest.....	7,163.00
Stock in trade.....	4,350.00
Machinery.....	2,000.00
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	\$210,081.00

APPROPRIATIONS

Amount of money raised.....\$3,560.38

Rate of taxation, \$1.66 per \$100.

Tax Collector's Report

Amount of 1914 taxes uncollected.....	\$316.08	
Interest collected.....	5.74	
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		\$321.82
Cash to Treasurer.....	\$304.41	
Abatements.....	17.41	
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		\$321.82
Amount of 1915 taxes submitted for col- lection.....	\$3,715.40	
Amount of 1915 school tax submitted for collection.....	34.78	
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		\$3,750.18
Cash to Treasurer.....	\$3,305.65	
Cash to Treasurer, school tax.....	31.31	
Amount discount on school tax.....	3.47	
Amount discount.....	282.63	
Amount abatements.....	8.98	
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		\$3,632.04
Amount uncollected Feb. 15, 1916.....	\$118.14	

J. LEWIS COE, *Collector.*

Newfields, N. H., February 15, 1916.

Approved by:

THOMAS SHEEHY,
PERLEY R. BEAN,

Selectmen of Newfields.

Treasurer's Report

Dr.

Balance on hand.....	\$553.24
Received James L. Parker, soldiers' aid	997.00
A. C. Thompson, Town Clerk,	
dog tax.....	51.00
State Treasurer, insurance tax....	19.50
railroad tax.....	1006.60
savings bank tax.	561.26
literary fund....	52.00
school fund.....	646.90
Brodhead fund, interest.....	350.00
Walker fund, interest.....	35.00
Fowler fund, interest.....	7.00
Allen fund, interest.....	7.00
Town note.....	500.00
two lots in Junction Cemetery....	30.00
J. Lewis Coe, tax 1915.....	3,336.96
J. Lewis Coe, tax 1914.....	304.41
Thomas Sheehy, scrap iron.....	4.26
State highway.....	366.60
maintenance.....	113.35
fires.....	208.15

\$9,150.23

Cr.

Paid County tax.....	\$572.38
State tax.....	520.00
soldiers' aid and poor	1,220.56
E. C. Patridge.....	2,502.20
Highway Agent, No. 1.....	438.71

Paid Highway Agent, No. 2.....	\$112.76
Highway Agent, No. 3.....	125.33
Electric Light Co.....	495.00
State highway.....	695.73
maintenance.....	408.84
Police.....	23.00
Public Library.....	365.50
Town officers.....	251.11
cemetery.....	53.83
spraying elm trees.....	54.50
browntail moths.....	69.10
Newmarket National Bank, note.....	500.00
Newmarket National Bank, interest...	7.50
Miss Hannah S. Pike, interest on note	14.00
George H. Tarlton, interest on note...	20.00
miscellaneous:.....	575.95
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	\$9,026.00
Balance on hand.....	\$124.23
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	\$9,150.23

CHARLES W. PALMER, *Treasurer.*

Selectmen's Report

TOWN OFFICERS

Thomas Sheehy, Selectman	\$30.00
Perley R. Bean, Selectman	35.00
Guy F. Harden, Selectman	18.50
Charles W. Palmer, Treasurer	45.00
J. Lewis Coe, Tax Collector	54.61
Albert H. Varney, Board of Health	12.00
C. A. Pollard, Moderator	2.00
C. A. Pollard, Fire Ward	3.00
P. R. Bean, Fire Ward	8.00
A. C. Thompson, Town Clerk	35.00
H. W. Smith, Auditor	4.00
H. G. Atwood, Auditor for 1914	4.00
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	\$251.11

POLICE

Jesse S. Gray	\$10.00
William Pease	9.00
J. E. Robinson, watching July 3	2.00
P. R. Bean, watching July 3	2.00
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	\$23.00

SPRAYING ELM TREES

Jesse S. Gray	\$17.00
A. B. Otis	19.50
H. G. Atwood, 200 lbs arsenate of lead	12.50
R. A. Clay	5.50
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	\$54.50

CEMETERIES

J. S. Gray, mowing and labor	\$16.00
J. E. Robinson, mowing and labor	9.00
L. P. Otis, mowing and labor	16.00
E. F. Gray, teaming	1.60
G. K. Thompson, trimming hedge	5.00
P. R. Bean, mowing Junction Cemetery	6.25

 \$53.85

ELECTRIC LIGHTS

Paid Newmarket Electric Co., lights for year ending February 1, 1916	\$495.00
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BROWN TAIL MOTHS

J. S. Gray, cutting brown tail moths	\$29.00
Lester Pease, cutting brown tail moths	12.45
R. A. Clay, cutting brown tail moths	11.25
E. F. Gray, cutting brown tail moths	16.40

 \$69.10

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dr.

Interest on Brodhead fund	\$350.00
Town appropriation	50.00
Balance library unexpended	40.64

 \$440.64
Cr.

E. H. Paul, Librarian	\$25.00
E. H. Paul, cataloging books	5.00
DeWolfe & Fiske Co., books	211.30
Burnham Antique Store	16.25
P. R. Bean, wood	4.50
American Express Co., express	3.49
E. D. Kendall, sawing wood	1.50
L. W. Crafts, Janitor	9.25

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The three upper grades containing twenty-two pupils are in the hands of Miss Mary I. Pollard, a graduate of the State Normal School at Plymouth. Although a teacher of limited experience, Miss Pollard has done well and is gaining in teaching power very day. By her quiet, but firm way of dealing with her pupils and by her hearty participation in their games at recess she has evidently won their respect as well as their affection. The teacher, who is fortunate enough to have these assets, has great opportunity for being a power in the lives of the children under her care. I believe that Miss Pollard is improving this opportunity.

THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The five lower grades are for the third year in charge of Mrs. Emie O. Gleason, who is also a graduate of the Plymouth Normal School.

The most conspicuous thing about Mrs. Gleason's teaching is her untiring devotion to her work and to the interests of each individual child. Being herself a woman of excellent education, she sets a high standard for the work of her pupils. She is especially resourceful in the matter of illustration of various points in her teaching and ingenious in devices to interest the children and to arouse in them a desire to get on as fast as possible. The order in her room during my visits is always good, although informal and not at all of the rigid old-fashioned sort whose day is so rapidly passing away.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our teachers are to be commended for their efforts to have as nearly a perfect record of attendance as they can, although it may seem unjust sometimes to hold a pupil responsible for being late when it is not his fault. Unfortunately, almost the only way of reminding the home of the importance of being on time seems to be to utilize the parent's desire to protect the child from consequences that are unpleasant and undeserved. A late breakfast or an errand before school may, in an

emergency, furnish a legitimate reason for lateness. In fact, it would be easy to conceive of a home situation so serious that the child's absence would not only be justifiable but valuable in cultivating the spirit of helpfulness.

Being on time and sticking to the job are two of the most vital lessons that the school has to teach. Besides, loss of time means loss of effort for which the whole district has to pay. We ask for co-operation on the part of parents in this important phase of school life.

TRANSPORTATION

One of the most difficult problems that school officials have to face is the consolidation of two or more schools and the consequent problem of transportation. But for the unjustifiable expense and the lack of school spirit and stimulation, the simplest and most satisfactory way would be to maintain a school within walking distance of every child.

The law prescribes that the school board shall provide for all scholars of the district as nearly equal educational advantages as practicable. The board must use its own judgment in deciding what buildings shall be used and must be able to count upon the co-operation of all the people whose children are involved. The driver of a school team is practically a school official, responsible for the physical and moral welfare of the children while in his charge and entitled to the full support of the school board in his efforts to maintain proper discipline.

RECOMMENDATIONS

One of the duties of the superintendent is to bring to the attention of the school board and the citizens of the town some of the newer ideas in education and recommend the adoption of such as, in his judgment, would serve the interests of the children. There are three of these ideas which would be new to us, although they have been thoroughly tried out in other places. I refer to Medical Inspection and courses in Manual Training and in Agriculture.

MEDICAL INSPECTION

In most cities and large towns the employment of a school physician is an accepted fact. It is surely just as important to look after the physical condition of the children in the smaller towns and villages. The first step towards efficiency in any line of business is the elimination of waste. This is certainly true in the great process which we call *education*. It is difficult to conceive of anything more wasteful than the attempt to teach a child who is hampered by physical defects, which are not realized by the child himself or discovered by his family. Even the teacher may mistake deafness or poor sight, for example, for dullness or perversity, thereby doing great injustice to the child who is innocently wasting his own time and that of the class.

In a neighboring town about ninety children were taken care of for less than forty dollars. We ought to be able to provide for our sixty children for twenty-five or thirty dollars. It might be well to appropriate fifty dollars, carrying over the unexpended balance to another year. As can be readily seen, the expense is slight when compared with the beneficial results obtained. I heartily recommend the adoption of the Medical Inspection Act of 1913 and earnestly request that you insert an article to that effect in the school warrant of this year.

MANUAL TRAINING AND DOMESTIC ARTS

Work in Manual Training and Domestic Arts is rapidly being introduced into even the smallest of rural schools. The equipment is necessarily simple, consisting of a bench and a small outfit of tools for the boys, an oil-stove and a few kitchen utensils for the girls. Both courses are given by the regular teacher, who has prepared herself for this work as a part of her normal training.

The object of these courses is not to make carpenters or cooks. They are given because of their *educational value*. Still it can not be denied that there are certain practical advantages to be derived. The ability to use one's hands or to prepare an acceptable meal is not to be despised.

The boys do not have to spend their time making useless articles, but things that can be used at home, such as sleds, chicken coops, and the like. The girls do canning and bread-making for those of the district who care to furnish the materials, and in some schools they prepare and serve something warm for the school luncheon. These courses never fail to interest the entire community in the school and thus play an important part in bringing about that co-operation of which I have already spoken in this report and without which a superintendent can do nothing. Perhaps it is only fair to say that if any of our pupils should plan to follow a mechanic arts course in the high school of a town in which manual training is a required subject in the seventh and eighth grades, they would find themselves seriously handicapped if they had not already had some hand work.

AGRICULTURE

What is true of the Manual Training courses is equally true of Agriculture. In many states this course is compulsory. It includes the study of farm animals, farm and garden crops, plant improvement, soil fertility and composition, drainage, farm machinery, and other kindred subjects. It is difficult to conceive of any better educational material than is furnished by this course. It correlates with every subject of the broadest school programme: reading, language, arithmetic, geography, history, botany, biology, physics, chemistry, and every kind of hand work. The practical knowledge and the arousing of interest in one's surroundings are of incalculable value, whatever vocation be followed in later life.

I recommend the adoption of courses in Manual Training or in Agriculture, or in both, as soon as popular interest is sufficiently aroused to provide for them.

IN CONCLUSION

I should like to urge more visiting on the part of the patrons of the schools, as first-hand impressions are always helpful in forming an intelligent estimate of the work.

It is a pleasure to record that in my entire supervisory district I have been treated with uniform courtesy in the discharge of my duties and have been the recipient of much kindness from many people. In return, I can only offer my absolute devotion to the educational interests of all three of my towns. My chief regret is that I can not live in them all.

Respectfully submitted,

MARO S. BROOKS,

Superintendent of Exeter, Newfields, and Hampton Falls.

Exeter, N. H., February 21, 1916.

Office of Superintendent: Town Hall, Exeter. Telephone, 549-W.

Office Hours:

Monday, 4.30 to 5.30 P. M.

Tuesday, 9.00 to 10.00 A. M.

Wednesday, 7.30 to 8.30 P. M.

Thursday, 4.30 to 5.30 P. M.

Consultation hours in Newfields, by appointment.

STATISTICS

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, as authorized by law, requires certain statistical information annually.

A transcript of the answers to his questions of last July is given below:

Whole number of different pupils	59
Boys	32
Girls	27
Whole number of different pupils attending at least two weeks during the year	58
Boys	31
Girls	27

Number who have previously attended in some other town during the current year	11
Number between five and eight	13
Number between eight and fourteen	40
Number between fourteen and sixteen	5
Number between five and sixteen	58
Number attending high schools and academies, whose tuition is paid by the town	22
Average attendance in all schools together	43.9
Average absence in all schools together	2.37
Average membership in all schools together	46.27
Per cent. of attendance	94.87
Number of pupils not absent or tardy during the year	1
Number of cases of tardiness	143
Number of visits by members of School Board	23
Number of visits by citizens	128
Enumeration of children by Agent of the School Board, September, 1915.	
Number of children between the ages of five and sixteen	57
Boys	30
Girls	27

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE, 1914-1915

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

For the Year

Earl E. Smith

<i>First Term</i>	<i>Second Term</i>	<i>Third Term</i>
Francis N. Gray	James E. Gray	Francis N. Gray
Gladys Pease	Herman M. Patridge	Herman M. Patridge
Grace Pease	Earl W. Price	Eva S. Patridge
	Eva S. Patridge	Ruth A. Rumford

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Third Term

Gwenneth James	Herbert Pease
Ernest Pease	Doris Rumford

ESTIMATES

Tuitions, etc.....	\$1,000.00
Text books and supplies.....	125.00
Fuel.....	100.00
Officers.....	65.00
Janitor.....	90.00
Teachers.....	864.00
Transportation.....	360.00
Miscellaneous.....	25.00
Salary of Superintendent.....	100.00
Flag.....	8.64
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Total.....	\$2,737.64

Liability

Due town on account of school houses.....\$1,637.11

CHRISTOPHER A. POLLARD,
 ALICE J. PATRIDGE,
 ALFRED CONNER,
School Board of Newfields.

Report of Treasurer of School Board

Dr.

On hand, Feb. 15, 1916	\$463.97
Received from town, money raised.....	1,777.50
State aid:	
tuition rebate	267.90
qualified teachers...	144.00
average attendance..	135.00
Supt.'s salary.....	100.00
literary fund	52.00
dog tax.....	25.80
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	\$2,966.17

Cr.

Paid Emie O. Gleason	\$396.00
Mary I. Pollard	237.00
Mabel W. Davis.....	180.00
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	\$813.00

OFFICERS

Paid Maro S. Brooks, Superintendent	\$100.00
Alice J. Patridge, member School Board	16.67
C. A. Pollard, member School Board ..	15.00
Alfred Conner, member School Board .	15.00
E. C. Patridge, Treasurer	10.00
D. P. Sands, Truant Officer	2.50
C. W. Palmer, Clerk, 1914	2.00
Bert P. Dow, Clerk, 1915	2.00
H. G. Atwood, Auditor	1.00
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	\$164.17

TUITIONS

Paid Exeter High School.....	\$481.00
Robinson Seminary	453.00
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	\$934.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, FEBRUARY 15, 1916

Liabilities

Dog license money.....	\$51.00
Note of H. S. Pike.....	700.00
Note of G. H. Tarlton.....	500.00
Balance Library unexpended.....	17.18
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	\$1,326.18

Assets

Uncollected taxes, 1915.....	\$118.14
Cash on hand.....	124.23
Due from DeWolfe, Fiske Co.....	5.04
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	\$247.41
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Net debt.....	\$1,078.77

THOMAS SHEEHY,
 PERLEY R. BEAN,
Selectmen of Newfields.

NEWFIELDS, N. H., February 15, 1916.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, Selectmen, and Tax Collector of the town of Newfields for the year to date and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

HERBERT W. SMITH, *Auditor.*

Town Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Newfields, in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

[L.S.]

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Office in said Newfields on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3. To choose three trustees to have charge of all trust funds, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.

4. To transact any other business that may come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixteen.

THOMAS SHEEHY,
PERLEY R. BEAN,
Selectmen of Newfields.

A true copy of Warrant. Attest:

THOMAS SHEEHY,
PERLEY R. BEAN,
Selectmen of Newfields.

Library Report

The twenty-second annual report of the Newfields Public Library.

Number of volumes catalogued4,285
Number of volumes added during the year 224

Presentations have been made as follows: Mrs. Addie Tetherly, 8 volumes; The State, New Hampshire Annual Reports 1913-1914, 5 vols.; Laws of New Hampshire, Province period, Vol. 3, 1745-1774; Manual of General Court, 1915, and Laws of the State of New Hampshire passed January session, 1915. Newfields Book Club, *The Outlook*, *Review of Reviews* and *Scientific American* for 1916.

Average number of volumes distributed each week, 104; periodicals, 9. Average number of volumes and periodicals in circulation each week, 149:

Percentage of fiction called for, 70; history and biography, 5; other classes, 25.

Thirty-nine new names have been added to the Register of borrowers.

Periodicals for 1916: *American Boy*, *Boy's Magazine*, *Century*, *Collier's*, *Country Gentleman*, *Country Life in America*, *Current Opinion*, *Garden Magazine*, *Harper's Monthly*, *Illustrated London News*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, *National Geographic*, *Popular Mechanics*, *St. Nicholas*, *Something-to-Do*, *Woman's Home Companion*, *World's Work*, *Youth's Companion*, and *Exeter News-Letter*.

The W. C. T. U. presents *The Young Crusader*.

Sixty volumes have been rebound.

EDNA A. H. PAUL, *Librarian*.

The twenty-second annual report of the Newfields Public Library has passed its birthday. During these years all of our citizens have had the privilege of gaining a wide fund of information on various subjects, as well as enjoying the best of fiction. It has been the good fortune of the town to retain the services of Mrs. Edna A. H. Paul, the Librarian, who, by her efficiency and knowledge of its affairs, is able to give counsel in all branches of service as well as helpful suggestions to its readers. The trustees, while approving of the Librarian's Report, take the opportunity of cordially thanking all donors of books, newspapers and magazines.

ALBERT H. VARNEY,
HARRIET A. PAUL,
GUY F. HARDEN,
Library Trustees.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from fines	\$6.12	
1 History of Newfields.....	2.50	
2 books.....	1.80	
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		\$10.42
Paid Aug. 13, 300 book plates.....	\$1.55	
borrower's cards.....	1.84	
express on books.....	.85	
stationery.....	1.20	
shellac.....	.50	
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		\$6.54
Balance.....	3.88	
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		\$10.42

EDNA A. H. PAUL, *Librarian.*

Report of School Board

At the annual school meeting held March 13, 1915, the following officers were elected: Herbert W. Smith, Moderator; Bert P. Doe, Clerk; Eugene C. Patridge, Treasurer; Harry G. Atwood, Auditor. Alfred Conner was elected a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

The School Board met and organized March 13, 1915. C. A. Pollard was elected chairman and committee on fuel and repairs; Alice J. Patridge, clerk and committee on superintendence; Alfred Conner, committee on text books and supplies.

Miss M. A. Davis and Mrs. E. O. Gleason were elected teachers for the spring term. Miss Davis, having done excellent work while with us, resigned at the end of the spring term, to accept a better position in her home city.

After several conferences with the School Board of Exeter, it was unanimously decided to unite in a supervisory district with Exeter and Hampton Falls, and such a district was formed at a meeting of the School Boards of these towns held May 21, 1915, and it was voted to employ Mr. Maro S. Brooks as Superintendent of the district at a salary of \$2000. One-half of this amount is paid by the State, Exeter's share is \$800, and that of Hampton Falls and Newfields \$100 each. Mr. Brooks entered upon his work at the beginning of the school year in September. He is unusually well qualified for the performance of his duties and in the short time he has been among us has accomplished much by his counsels with the teachers and in improvement of the general school atmosphere. We feel sure that as the people of the town become acquainted with Mr. Brooks, appreciation of him and his work will steadily increase. We herewith embody his report to us as a part of our report.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board of Newfields:

I take pleasure in presenting to you my first annual report as superintendent of schools under your direction. It is an added pleasure to realize that this is also the first year of supervision in Newfields.

As I have held the office only five and a half months, you will not be surprised if I have but little to report in the way of accomplishment. I found the schools so well housed and so well organized that I have been able to devote my time and thought almost entirely to a study of conditions in the district and to actual supervision of the teachers and their work. Except for the task of providing text-books and scholars' supplies, you have very kindly spared me many details that properly devolve upon me. Another year I shall hope to assume all the duties belonging to my office.

THE SUPERINTENDENT

Perhaps some who read this report might be interested to know what conception their superintendent has of the duties of his important office. That the office is important and that the responsibility of directing the department whose sole concern is with the welfare of the children, is great, no one will deny. Your superintendent is more deeply impressed every day with the seriousness of his task and with the unlimited scope of his opportunity.

The superintendent is not a member of the school board, but yet he is its executive officer. He is not a teacher, and still he is at the head of the teaching force. He must have the confidence of the board and the loyalty of his teachers. He must fit into the community and be a part of it, although this is somewhat difficult when he is not a resident of the town. He must have a friendly attitude toward everybody and be eager to help everybody, especially when the interests of an individual child or of a group of children are at stake. He must not waste his time wishing that conditions were different. If

he cannot change the conditions, he must take them as they are and make the best of them. In other words, he must take people and things as they come.

TEACHER TRAINING

Newfields does well to employ only teachers who are normal graduates. This practice is especially necessary in a town where there is no resident superintendent to discuss with them at odd moments all sorts of educational topics. No matter how well a teacher may have been trained *for* service, her training *in* service should never cease. In the larger town or in the city the superintendent can accomplish much through his teachers' meetings, round-table conferences, and demonstration lessons. In the case of teachers who are working at a distance from others doing the same kind of work, the task is not so easy. He can do something in the way of suggestion and in the direction of their reading. There is, however, a certain enthusiasm that comes from numbers. The feeling that one is not working alone on a problem and the friendly interchange of ideas are undeniable sources of help. It is my hope that I may find a way of including all the teachers of my supervisory district in attendance at occasional meetings in Exeter. With your approval I may authorize our teachers to make some adjustment of their time-tables that will allow them to close their afternoon sessions early for this purpose.

The old saying, "As is the teacher, so is the school," is still true as far as it goes, but in the present day adequate equipment is demanded also. Someone has suggested that the old saw be put negatively, for surely, "As the teacher is not, so the school is not." Nothing could be truer. In order to obtain the results that our citizens expect, the teacher must not only be qualified for her work, but must keep herself up-to-date. Her government must be kind as well as firm, and her idea of teaching something more than merely to *examine* the children on the pages that she has assigned to them to *learn*.

It is a pleasure to state that our teachers are eager to increase their efficiency in every possible way.

PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Without cordial support on the part of the home a teacher can accomplish almost nothing. I feel that a great deal of good would come to our schools through the cultivation of mutual acquaintance. The fact that the teacher has met and talked with a parent has often changed the pupil's whole attitude toward the school. This is particularly true, if parent and teacher have shared some form of entertainment.

I heartily believe in a certain kind of parent-teacher association. While its chief aim might be to study and discuss various educational problems, both local and general, it should adopt the idea of having a good time and of including frequently all the young people and children of the district. A club of this kind would prove invaluable to a non-resident superintendent who must depend largely upon public gatherings for an opportunity to get acquainted with the people whom he serves. I appreciate the hospitality extended to me by the ministers of Newfields on various occasions. It is largely the benefit derived from attendance at these meetings that has convinced me of the desirability of having an organization that represents the whole town. In a neighborhood where the right kind of association exists, misunderstandings between parents and school authorities are well-nigh impossible.

THE SCHOOLS

Perhaps the most striking gain that has been made by both our schools this year is in what might be termed "school atmosphere." It has come to be a positive pleasure to me to visit both rooms. The teachers have taken special pains to insist upon good manners in the school room, and the results are gratifying. Something remains to be done, however, in the attitude toward the school and toward one another outside of school hours. Any lasting improvement along this line can be brought about only by hearty co-operation on the part of the parents and by public opinion.

Burnham Book Store.....	\$2.00
George G. Neal, rebinding books.....	21.52
James E. Frank, book.....	5.00
McGraw Publishing Co.....	3.00
F. J. Drake Co.....	1.00
Mrs. C. W. Mifflin.....	40.65
Dodd, Mead & Co.....	16.00

\$365.46

MISCELLANEOUS

E. C. Eastman, check lists.....	\$0.51
Exeter Fire Dept., account of fire March 10..	44.75
City of Portsmouth, account of fire, March 10	25.00
P. R. Bean, account of fire, March 10.....	125.65
John Templeton, printing town reports.....	38.75
F. H. Lamson, 1 dozen 2-quart jugs.....	1.00
Exeter Lumber Co., lumber.....	1.50
E. C. Eastman, blanks.....	.85
Supplies furnished fire fighters, March 10 and 11, 1915.....	11.43
American Express Co., express on road machine blade.....	.50
Badger Fire Extinguisher Co., 12 extinguish- ers and ½ gross bottles.....	79.75
N. E. Road Machine Co., one road machine blade and one road drag.....	30.00
C. B. Caverly, 1 express wagon.....	25.00
E. S. Jamer, setting tires on road machine ..	2.50
Peter Cote, repairing wagon.....	11.00
P. R. Bean, account of Ellis fire.....	14.30
G. W. Kimball, one 25-foot extension ladder	6.50
Weeks & Seward, rubber stoppers	1.80
P. R. Bean, labor and material on road machine.....	5.00
Exeter Fire Dept., account of fire June 10...	19.50
P. R. Bean, removing and burying horse....	10.00
L. P. Otis, removing lamp posts	1.35

R. A. Bean, copying inventory	\$5.00
H. A. Smith, sheep killed by dogs.....	18.00
<i>Newmarket Advertiser</i> , Highway Agents' blanks	8.14
Portsmouth Trust and Guarantee Co., rent of deposit box, No. 41.....	4.00
J. H. Griffin, tile and cement.....	26.24
A. C. Thompson, tools.....	5.25
W. Pease, caring for fire apparatus.....	5.30
J. S. Gray, caring for fire apparatus	5.30
A. C. Thompson, 1 set scales.....	2.50
P. R. Bean, expense.....	8.00
J. L. Coe, labor and material, fire department	7.00
J. L. Coe, tax bills and postage.....	3.19
C. W. Palmer, postage.....	3.25
C. W. Palmer, janitor of town office.....	5.00
C. A. Pollard, labor and material for wagon.	13.14

\$575.95

REPORT OF J. S. GRAY, HIGHWAY AGENT

District No. 1

Summer Work

J. S. Gray	\$82.00
Charles Jones.....	5.25
C. S. Dixon.....	13.50
Charles Davis.....	5.25
C. E. Lyons.....	8.75
Atwell Otis.....	5.25
Clarence Thompson.....	3.50
Samuel Neal, with team	9.00
Leroy Otis.....	52.51
E. F. Gray, with team.....	38.88
A. H. Varney, 45 loads gravel.....	6.75
H. T. Taplin, gravel.....	1.50
C. A. Pollard, bolt.....	.75
James Rumford.....	10.89
Josiah Robinson.....	20.42

Jeremiah Towle.....	\$10.50
P. R. Bean, with team.....	36.50
P. R. Bean, 658 feet plank.....	16.45
James A. Spead, tools.....	6.02

\$333.67

Winter Work

From February 15, 1915, to March 24, 1915

J. S. Gray.....	\$34.87
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From December 12, 1915 to February 15, 1916

J. S. Gray.....	22.67
William Pease.....	4.00
Josiah Robinson.....	2.00
P. R. Bean.....	18.50
E. F. Gray.....	11.50
Atwell Otis.....	1.00
Clarence Thompson.....	4.00
Francis Clay.....	3.00
Hannah S. Pike, gravel.....	3.50

\$105.04

REPORT OF OSCAR C. BEAN, HIGHWAY AGENT

District No. 3.

Summer Work

Oscar C. Bean, labor.....	\$50.50
Oscar C. Bean, 50 loads gravel.....	7.50
Bert Fieldsend.....	14.00
H. W. Smith.....	18.00
Alvin Miles.....	15.33
James Hanson.....	8.00
James Rumford.....	2.00
Fred Foss.....	8.00
R. W. Varrill.....	2.00

\$125.33

REPORT OF SAMUEL NEAL, HIGHWAY AGENT
District No. 2

Samuel Neal.....	\$31.00
J. S. Gray, labor.....	7.00
J. S. Gray, use of tools.....	1.50
James Hanson.....	7.00
Jeremiah Towle.....	6.13
Leroy Otis.....	3.50
Josiah Robinson.....	3.50
C. E. Lyons.....	8.75
John Clark.....	1.75
C. A. Pollard.....	15.50
William Pease.....	3.50
Loren Smith.....	7.00
J. L. Coe.....	4.38
E. F. Gray.....	1.75
George Murphy.....	7.00
Perry T. Kuse.....	3.50

\$112.76

REPORT OF P. R. BEAN, STATE HIGHWAY

P. R. Bean.....	\$164.75
William Pease.....	44.56
Clarence Thompson.....	10.00
Thomas Sheehy.....	15.64
J. S. Gray.....	29.00
George Murphy.....	19.00
C. E. Quinn.....	21.00
A. B. Otis.....	31.56
L. P. Otis.....	29.56
C. A. Jones.....	31.56
James Rumford.....	21.00
E. F. Gray.....	14.00
C. S. Dixon.....	78.00
W. G. Nixon.....	47.25

J. E. Robinson.....	\$21.00
O. C. Bean	20.50
James Hanson.....	24.00
H. T. Taplin.....	49.35
C. E. Lyons.....	24.00

\$695.73

REPORT OF P. R. BEAN

State Maintenance Account, 1915:

P. R. Bean.....	\$116.00
O. C. Bean.....	50.11
William Pease.....	27.00
J. S. Gray.....	43.25
J. E. Robinson.....	14.28
L. P. Otis.....	33.75
C. A. Jones.....	31.13
A. B. Otis.....	12.00
James Hanson.....	12.00
C. E. Lyons.....	8.00
James T. Rumford.....	10.00
C. S. Dixon.....	13.00
R. A. Clay.....	10.44
C. E. Quinn.....	1.00
George Murphy.....	1.00
Clarence Thompson.....	2.00
W. G. Nixon.....	2.25
E. F. Gray.....	16.38
Jeremiah Towle.....	5.25

\$408.84

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HIGHWAY DEPT.

Statement of Joint Fund Account

February 7, 1916		Newfields.
State contribution.....	\$418.28	
Town contribution.....		\$335.62
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Total Joint Fund.....		\$753.90
State disbursements.....	\$44.94	
Town disbursements, approved....		\$695.84
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Total disbursements.....		\$740.78
Paid by State to Town, Dec. 17...	\$250.00	
To be paid by State to Town, Feb. 11	116.00	
Balance in State Treasury.....	6.74	
Balance in Town Treasury.....		6.38
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Total unexpended balance		\$13.12
F. E. EVERETT, <i>State Highway Commissioner.</i>		
Per C. C. Howe.		

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HIGHWAY DEPT.

Statement of Maintenance Account

February 9, 1916		Newfields.
State contribution.....	\$185.49	
Town contribution.....		\$185.49
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Total maintenance fund.....		\$370.98
State disbursements, Eng.....	\$1.85	
Town disbursements.....		228.55
State to Town, Dec. 17.....	90.50	
State to Town, Dec. 13.....	22.85	
Town disbursements charged Town		115.20
State disbursements.....	115.20	
Balance in State Treasury.....	70.29	
Balance in Town Treasury.....		70.29
F. E. EVERETT, <i>State Highway Commissioner.</i>		
Per C. C. Howe.		

FOWLER CEMETERY FUND

Dr.

To G. C. Fowler legacy.....	\$200.00
interest.....	7.00
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\$207.00

Cr.

By deposit in Portsmouth Trust and Guar- antee Co.....	\$200.00
interest expended.....	7.00
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\$207.00

ALLEN CEMETERY FUND

Dr.

To Joseph Allen legacy.....	\$200.00
interest.....	7.00
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\$207.00

Cr.

By deposit in Portsmouth Trust and Guar- antee Co.....	\$200.00
interest expended.....	7.00
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\$207.00

WALKER CEMETERY FUND

Dr.

To Walker legacy.....	\$1,000.00
interest.....	35.00
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\$1,035.00

Cr.

By City of Newton bond.....	\$1,000.00
interest expended	35.00
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\$1,035.00

BRODHEAD LIBRARY FUND

Dr.

To Brodhead legacy	\$10,000.00
interest	350.00

 \$10,350.00
Cr.

By Newmarket town bonds.....	\$10,000.00
interest transferred to Library account..	350.00

 \$10,350.00

ABATEMENTS

1914

Edward Heath.....	\$2.00
William G. Lamonthé.....	10.15
William McWhinney.....	2.00
Atwood Rowe.....	3.26

 \$17.41

1915

Hugh Kelly.....	\$2.00
C. S. Dixon.....	6.64
D. R. Smith.....	.34

 \$8.98

FUEL

Paid The Consolidation Coal Co.:

12.5 tons coal at \$6.45	\$80.63
Boston & Maine railroad, freight	9.38
C. A. Pollard, teaming coal	6.25
Alfred Conner, wood	16.47

 \$112.73

SUPPLIES

Paid Edward E. Babb & Co.....	\$55.54
James H. Batchelder	17.30
E. P. Dutton	10.40
Ginn & Co.	6.96
Macmillan Co.	6.54
Little, Brown & Co.....	6.33
Thompson, Brown & Co.	2.98
Augustus Young	2.62
Mabel W. Davis	1.60

 \$110.27

JANITOR

Paid C. W. Palmer\$90.00

TRANSPORTATION

Paid Herbert W. Smith	\$276.50
D. R. Smith, account sickness	1.50

 \$278.00

REPAIRS

Paid Coe & Hanson	\$121.92
A. Young, paint	42.18
H. W. Smith, shingles	41.95
Hilliard & Kimball, paint	16.65
J. Hodge, storm windows	12.50
C. A. Pollard, repairs on heater, etc. .	7.64
J. Lewis Coe, labor and material	2.42
Newmarket Exchange, saddle boards..	1.95
D. Foss & Son, window80

 \$248.01

MISCELLANEOUS

Paid E. C. Eastman, check lists	\$1.49
A. W. Sawyer, flags	8.64
A. E. & W. Hayes, carbolic acid	1.00
J. E. Fowler, clock repairs75
L. P. Otis, mowing grounds	2.00
E. C. Patridge, freight and express	5.64
Alfred Conner, cleaning cellar	3.20
C. W. Palmer, cleaning school rooms	6.00
C. W. Palmer, preparing wood	3.00
C. A. Pollard, making and revising check lists and attending meetings	2.25
Alice J. Patridge, making check lists, postage and freight	3.80
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	\$37.77
Cash on hand to balance	\$178.22
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	\$2,966.17

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the School Board Treasurer, and found them correctly cast, properly vouched, and balanced.

H. G. ATWOOD, *Auditor.*

Newfields, N. H., February 24, 1916.

School Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Newfields, qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Primary School house in said district, on the eighteenth day of March, 1916, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary District Officers for the coming year.
2. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
3. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
4. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools.
5. To see if the district will accept the medical inspection act of 1913.
6. To transact all other business which may properly come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Newfields, this twenty-fourth day of February, 1915.

CHRISTOPHER A. POLLARD,
ALICE J. PATRIDGE,
ALFRED CONNER,

School Board of Newfields.

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Newfields, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1915

Date	Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female.		No. of Child.	Living or Still-born.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		M	F						
Nov 9, 1912	Robert G.	M		2	L	Roy S. Ballou	Mary McCallum	Alexandria	P. E. Island.
May 9	Benjamin G.	"		5	"	John G. Clark	Lizzie M. Mendum	Concord	Durham.
July 2	Benjamin N.	"		2	"	Frank M. Sampson	Lillian M. Wilson	New Durham	St. Johns, N. B.
Aug. 9	Edmond	"		9	"	Cyprien Dick	Artemese Dube	Caribou, Me.	Canada.
Aug. 22		"		3	"	Roy S. Ballou	Mary McCallum	Alexandria	P. E. Island.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. ALBERT C THOMPSON, Town Clerk,

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Newfields, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1915

Date	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of groom and bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Nov. 24	Newfields	Henry T. Taplin Mrs. S. A. Rowe	68 56	W “	Epping Newfields	Horatio Taplin Susan K. Taplin A. D. Neal Emily J. Wiggin		Rev. Otis Cole, Haverhill, Mass.

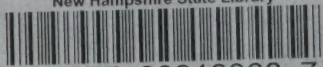
I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. ALBERT C. THOMPSON, Town Clerk.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Newfields, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1915

Date	Name and surname of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.						
March	2 George D. W. Robinson	87	11	15	Newmarket	M	W	W	George Robinson	Bessie Watson
	8 Hannah M. Palmer	71	9	6	Kittery, Me.	F	"	"	William O. Sides	
	15 John E. Connor	55	9	4	Newfields	M	"	"	P. J. Connor	Mary Penderville
	20 Lorraine M. Barber	84	8	1	Fryeburg, Me.	F	"	"	Micah George	Hannah Hutchins
April	9 Charles Reynolds	40	6		Newfields	M	"	"	S. C. Reynolds	Alma Osgood
	19 Robie D. Whittier	71	8	28	Deerfield	"	"	"	David S. Whittier	Betsey Marston

I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. ALBERT C. THOMPSON, Town Clerk.

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